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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: ARAI et al
Serial No.: 10/790,180
Filed: March 2, 2004
For: Method Of Detecting Particles And A Processing
Apparatus Using The Same
Art Unit: 1763
Examiner: R. Zervigon

PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail Stop: Amendment (Fee)
Commissioner For Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

March 28, 2006

Sir:

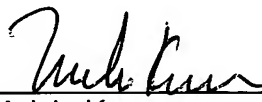
In the matter of the above-identified application, applicants hereby respectfully petition for an extension of time to permit the filing of a response within the first month subsequent to the expiration of the shortened statutory period set in the outstanding Office Action mailed November 29, 2005.

A payment in the amount of \$120.00 to cover the fee required for the requested extension of time is attached hereto.

It is respectfully requested that any shortage in the fee be charged to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 501.43537X00).

Respectfully submitted,

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